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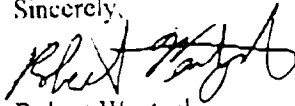
Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter is to address the recent settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I applaud this decision. I believe the decision was fair and equitable. Microsoft has broadened its accessibility, allowing computer makers to add or subtract Microsoft software, allowing competing software to be installed, and giving consumers a wide choice of software from which to choose. Microsoft has even agreed to disclose its source code for Windows' operating system products. Microsoft has more than compensated for any alleged unfair business practices.

I hope this settlement stands. We do not need to revisit the decision, nor do we need to split up Microsoft. We split up AT&T and our phone system has been a mess ever since. The consumer is pretty much left to his or her own devices to figure out just what exactly they want. People today pretty much have to be a mini-expert in every field today. Bill Gates explained computers. He made software easy to understand. You did not have to be a computer programmer to install a Microsoft software package. Which was nice.

Sincerely,



Robert Wentzel

cc: Senator Rick Santorum